

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc, State of Mississippi

State Conference 2026



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AGENDA





Lorenzo L. Grimes

STATE DIRECTOR STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Welcome to the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. - 2025 Mississippi State Conference!

Brothers, guests, and esteemed attendees, it is with great joy and enthusiasm that I welcome you to this year's Conference. We gather here, united in our mission of Brotherhood, Scholarship, and Service, to strengthen our bonds, sharpen our leadership, and reaffirm our commitment to the principles that make Sigma great.

Through times of uncertainty and adversity, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity has remained a steadfast beacon of leadership, service, and progress. For 111 years, we have met adversity with resilience, turning challenges into opportunities to uplift our communities. As we gather for this year's Conference, we do so with the same unwavering commitment that has sustained us for generations.

This gathering is more than just a meeting—it is an opportunity to celebrate our achievements, engage in meaningful dialogue, and lay the foundation for continued success. As we convene, let us remember the legacy of our beloved fraternity and our duty to uphold its values.

We encourage you to take full advantage of the sessions, network with fellow brothers, and leave inspired to make an even greater impact in your chapters and communities. Let us move forward together with purpose, passion, and a renewed dedication to the work of Phi Beta Sigma!

Welcome to the Mississippi State Conference—where the work continues, and the vision grows stronger! GOMAB!

Lorenzo L. Grimes

Lorenzo L. Grimes, State Director

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

State of Mississippi





CONFERENCE RULES AND EXPECTATIONS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI - STATE CONFERENCE PROPOSED CONFERENCE RULES

RULE I The rules contained in the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, shall govern the conference in all cases to which they are applicable and in as much as they are not inconsistent with the constitution of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc – State of Mississippi's Constitution & By-Laws.

RULE II A Brother wishing to address the session must identify himself by giving his full name, chapter and whether he is a delegate before addressing the assembly. Comments will be limited to (2) minutes. The Chair, in consultation with the Parliamentarian, will make final determination as to whether comments are in order and/or germane to the topic being discussed.

RULE III Only Delegates are allowed to make motions and/or act on a motion.

RULE IV No Delegate or Brother may speak on an issue more than twice.

RULE V All records and other materials for the permanent record or printed proceedings shall be

RULE X No campaign materials shall be displayed on screens while business is in session. All Candidate distributions and displaying of campaign materials shall be conducted outside of business session rooms.

RULE XI Unless modified, business attire must be worn at all business sessions (Suit, Shirt and Tie), or you may be subject to removal.

typed and provided directly to the State Secretary immediately after presentation but no later than the adjourning of the conference. Reports saved to a digital medium or submitted electronically are preferred.

RULE VI Any notices for announcements to the conference shall be in writing, signed by the person (or proper representative of the persons) under whose authority the announcement is issued, submitted to the State Director for consideration, and shall be provided to the State Secretary immediately after presentation.

RULE VII No hats shall be worn during any business sessions.

RULE VIII The use of profanity and smoking is prohibited during the business sessions.

RULE IX All cell phones, and other electronic devices shall be either turned off or placed on silent mode while in business sessions. For call and all non-conference business, please exit the assembly if there is a need to use your electronic devices while business is in session.

RULE XII All online/virtual conference participants must have their participant screen name changed to reflect the name under which they have registered for the conference. Virtual participants joining the conference by dialing in should be prepared to register their call-in numbers upon request or be subject to removal from virtual access to the conference.



State of Mississippi Leadership Conference Agenda

Strengthening Brotherhood, Securing the Legacy

Thursday, February 19, 2026

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Golden Nugget Casino
Round Island B

Registration and Check In

7:00 pm

IP Casino Resort

Opening Ceremony

Friday, February 20, 2026

All Events Golden Nugget Casino Conference Center

7:00 am - 11:00 am

Registration

7:00 am - 9:00 am

Breakfast Buffet

Plenary Session 1 Grand Ballroom ABC

Brother Patrick Owens, 1st Vice-State Director of Mississippi, Presiding

8:00 am

- Call to Order Lorenzo L. Grimes
- Invocation Rev. F Benard Mitchell
- Welcome Lorenzo L. Grimes
- Roll Call/Seating of Delegates/Voting Strength Synarus Green
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Conference Rules
- Adoption of 2025 State Conference Minutes Synarus Green
- Committee Assignments Synarus Green



- Adoption of 2025 Treasurer's Report

Christopher Hilliard

State of the Southern Region of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.

Brother Kenneth Straughter, Southern Regional Director

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., State of Mississippi Address

Brother Lorenzo L. Grimes, State Director of Mississippi

Break (15 Minutes)

Plenary Session II Grand Ballroom ABC

Brother Lorenzo L. Grimes, State Director of Mississippi, Presiding

- Mississippi Executive Board Reports
 - *1st Vice State Director*
 - *2nd Vice State Director*
 - *Bigger Better Business Director*
 - *Collegiate Affairs Director*
 - *Education Director*
 - *Publicity Director*
 - *Social Action Director*
 - *Sigma Beta Director*
 - *Military Affairs*
 - *Sigma-Zeta Relations*

- *Education Session I*
 - *Intake*

*Shermaine Sullivan
Regional Director of Collegiate Affairs*

11:00 am -12:30 pm

Ship Island

Brotherhood Lunch

1:00 pm - 1:40

Grand Ballroom ABC

**Education Session I
Intake Continued**



1:45 pm - 2:30 pm	Grand Ballroom ABC	Education Session II Public Relations
2:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Grand Ballroom DEF	Education Session III Blu Print Info.
2:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Various Rooms	Committee Meetings

Saturday, February 21, 2026

7:30 am - 9:30 am	Grand Ballroom	Breakfast Buffet
Golden Nugget Casino Deer Island Ballroom		

8:00 am - 9:50 am	Collegiate Round
Table	

10:00 am - 12:20 pm

- Auditing
- Grievance
- Credentials
- Law and Revision
- Awards and Standards
- OSSR
- Nominations
- Election
- Necrology

12: 30 pm - 2:30 pm	Grand Ballroom	Magnolia and Awards Luncheon
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Tuesday, February 24, 2026 **Virtual** **Closing Board Meeting**